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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JEFF MERKLEY, a Senator from the State of Oregon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

How glorious You are, O God! How majestic are Your works. You make

Your judgments known from Heaven and no earthly power can withstand Your might. When we remember Your great deeds in our history, we look to the future with confident hope, for Your indignation is only for a moment, but Your favor is for a lifetime.

Instruct our lawmakers in Your ways. Teach them to number their days that they may have hearts of wis-

dom. Teach them to believe Your goodwill toward them that they may obey You with joy. And teach them to serve others that they may honor You.

Lord, during this holiday season, remind us to strive for peace on Earth and let that peace begin in our hearts.

We pray in Your loving Name. Amen.

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CHARLES E. SCHUMER, *Chairman*.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JEFF MERKLEY, a Senator from the State of Oregon, led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, December 17, 2010.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

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